

RAJYA SABHA

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1	2	3	4	5
10.	Karnataka	37.00	8.33	6.00
11.	Kerala	21.00	12.00	2.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1.50	5.10	2.00
13.	Maharashtra	0.00	6.68	3.00
14.	Manipur	0.00	3.66	0.00
15.	Meghalaya	0.00	4.00	0.00
16.	Mizoram	4.00	0.80	0.00
17.	Nagaland	4.00	15.00	0.00
18.	Orissa	2.00	4.93	2.00
19.	Punjab	0.00	0.00	2.00
20.	Rajasthan	0.00	3.00	2.00
21.	Tamil Nadu	8.50	4.10	5.00
22.	Tripura	5.50	3.10	0.00
23.	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	53.00	2.00
24.	West Bengal	0.00	3.00	2.00
25.	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00
26.	Delhi	0.00	0.00	5.00
TOTAL:		197.92	178.96	50.00

*It excludes the assistance provided under Work Plan/Macro Management.

Foot and Mouth Disease of Animals

3828. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
 SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
 SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian cattle are being infected with foot and

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mouth disease and that farm animals of Punjab, specially of its border villages, have also got infected with it;

- (b) if so, the details thereto; and
- (c) the action taken to save the livestock from this deadly virus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) State Government of Punjab has informed that the farm animals of Punjab specially of its border villages have not got infected with foot and mouth disease. However, foot and mouth disease has been reported in Ghaloti village of Ludhiana district in the month of February, 2001 wherein out of total 2266 cattle and buffaloes, 191 animals were affected of which 29 had died.

(c) Both the State Government of Punjab and Department of Animal Husbandry Department Government of India have taken steps to save the livestock from foot and mouth disease.

The State government of Punjab has taken following actions:—

- (i) Vaccination with foot and mouth disease vaccine in the affected area to contain the disease.
- (ii) Intensive prophylactic vaccination against FMD in adjoining districts.
- (iii) Veterinary experts from Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana and State Animal Health Institute, Jalandhar visited the affected area and collected samples for typing of virus.
- (iv) Samples from the affected animals were also sent to Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Muktshwar for confirmation of type of the virus.

- (v) Surveillance and monitoring of the disease situation.
- (vi) Notification to Prohibit holding cattle fairs, exhibitions and other concentration of animals in the State of Punjab.

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of India has taken the following steps:—

- (i) The Department have advised all the State Governments and Union Territories to remain vigilant and take necessary steps on war footing.
- (ii) The Department has also requested the State Governments which have international land border with Pakistan to ensure that livestock and livestock products are not brought into the country by land routes at borders and to remain vigilant about movement of animals.
- (iii) The States have been advised to undertake vaccination of unaffected animals against foot and mouth disease and to control movement of animals.
- (iv) The Department has requested the Ministry of Commerce to ensure that importation of livestock and livestock products from United Kingdom are not allowed without recommendation of the Department.
- (v) The Regional and Animal Quarantine Officers have also been instructed to carefully screen all the consignments of livestock and livestock products from United Kingdom in order to prevent ingress of the disease.